

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (new) A method for controlling a data processing device having a processor, which is connected to a computer via an interface, comprising generating a device specific command by an application program on the computer; and

characterized by the following steps:

storing the command in a special file;

transmitting the special file from the computer to the device by means of the write command of the operating system of the computer;

receiving the special file by the device;

reading the device specific command from the special file;

and

executing the device specific command read from the special file by the processor of the device.

Claim 10 (new) The method according to Claim 9, characterized in that the command is executed when the special file contains identification.

Claim 11 (new) The method according to Claim 9, characterized in that an answer to the executed command is generated by the processor of the device.

Claim 12 (new) The method according to Claim 9, characterized in that a status bit is written by the processor in the RAM of the device or in the special file, with reference to which bit an answer to the executed command is generated at the next access to the file.

Claim 13 (new) The method according to Claim 11, characterized in that the answer is buffered in a volatile or non volatile memory of the device.

Claim 14 (new) The method according to Claim 11, characterized by the additional steps of:

 sending a read command of the operating system related to the special file from the computer to the device;

 receiving the read command in the device;

 storing the answer generated in the device in the special file, which is thereby modified; and

returning the special file from the device to the computer (in the execution of the read command.

Claim 15 (new) The method according to Claim 14, characterized by the following steps:

receiving the returned special file by the computer;
recognizing that the special file contains an answer;
and

reading the answer from the special file and further processing of the answer in the application program.

Claim 16 (new) The method according to Claim 11, characterized in that the answer generated by the processor of the device is the device status or an error message.

Claim 17 (new) The method according to Claim 11, characterized in that the special file is identified with reference to its special, flexible block address.

Claim 18 (new) The method according to Claim 9, characterized in that the special file is written onto a mass storage device of the device or is read from a mass storage device of the device.

Claim 19 (new) A system for controlling a data processing device, comprising a computer with an operating system and a data processing device with a processor, which is connected to the computer via an interface, characterized in that:

a device specific command is generated by an application program on the computer and the command is stored in a special file on the computer;

the special file is transmitted to the connected device via the interface of the computer using the write command of the operating system of the computer;

the device is designed for receiving the special file and for reading the device specific command from the special file; and

the processor of the device executes the read specific command.

Claim 20 (new) A system according to Claim 19, characterized in that the processor of the device executes the device specific command when the special file contains identification.

Claim 21 (new) A system according to Claim 19, characterized in that an answer to the executed device specific command is generated by the processor of the device.

Claim 22 (new) A system according to Claim 21, characterized in that the computer sends a read command of the operating system concerning the special file to the device after receiving the read command, the device stores the answer generated in the device in the special file, whereby the special file is modified; and

the device returns the special file to the computer in the execution of the read command of the operating system of the computer.

Claim 23 (new) A system according to Claim 19, characterized in that the device, to which the special file is transmitted by means of the write command of the operating system, comprises no mass storage device for storing files.

Claim 24 (new) A system according to Claim 19, characterized in that the interface of the computer is an USB interface or a SCSI interface.

Claim 25 (new) A system according to Claim 19, characterized in that the processor for executing the read device specific command is arranged in an external device.

Claim 26 (new) A device for executing a device specific command generated on a computer, with an interface for connecting to a computer, on which an application program generates the device specific command and stores it in a special file, and with a processor, characterized in that after receiving the special file, which is transmitted to the device by means of the write command of the operating system of the computer, via the interface of the computer, the device reads the device specific command from the special file; and

the processor of the device executes the read device specific command.

Claim 27 (new) A device according to Claim 26, characterized in that the device comprises no mass storage device for storing files.